

HERNDON ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026

1. Call to Order

Chair Blaker-Glass called the January 21, 2026, Architectural Review Board Regular Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. Board Members in attendance: Tamim Chowdhury, Vice Chair Melody Fetske, and Chair Leslie Blaker-Glass.

Board Member Amy Oleinick was absent.

Staff present during the meeting: Lauri Sigler, Deputy Town Attorney; Angelina Jones, Lead Planner / Design and Development; and Becky Skillin, Deputy Town Clerk.

Chair Blaker-Glass determined there was a quorum with three members present.

2. Organizational Meeting

a. Election of Officers

Chair Blaker-Glass stated the first item of business was the election of the Chair and Vice Chair and the designation of the Secretary and the Parliamentarian for the 2026 term of the Architectural Review Board.

Nomination and Election
Chair of the ARB

Chair Blaker-Glass called for nominations for the Chair of the Architectural Review Board. Vice Chair Fetske motioned to nominate Chair Leslie Blaker-Glass as Chair. Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 2-0 roll call vote. Board Member Chowdhury and Vice Chair Fetske, voted "Aye." Chair Blaker-Glass abstained. Board Member Oleinick was absent.

Nomination and Election
Vice Chair of the ARB

Chair Blaker-Glass called for nominations for the Vice Chair of the Architectural Review Board. Chair Blaker-Glass motioned to nominate Vice Chair Melody

Fetske as Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 2-0 roll call vote. Board Members Chowdhury, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye." Vice Chair Fetske abstained. Board Member Oleinick was absent.

Designation of Secretary of the ARB

Vice Chair Fetske motioned to designate the Town Clerk, or their designee, as the Secretary. Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Board Member Chowdhury, Vice Chair Fetske, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye." Board Member Oleinick was absent.

Designation of Parliamentarian of the ARB

Vice Chair Fetske motioned to designate the Town Attorney as the Parliamentarian. Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Board Member Chowdhury, Vice Chair Fetske, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye." Board Member Oleinick was absent.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. October 1, 2025, Architectural Review Board Work Session Minutes**
- b. October 15, 2025, Architectural Review Board Regular Meeting Minutes**
- c. November 19, 2025 Architectural Review Board Regular Meeting Minutes**
- d. November 19, 2025, Architectural Review Board Work Session Minutes**

Vice Chair Fetske motioned to approve the October 1, 2025, and November 19, 2025, Architectural Review Board work session minutes, and October 15, 2025, and November 19, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion which was carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Board Member Chowdhury, Vice Chair Fetske, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye." Board Member Oleinick was absent.

4. Comments

- a. Comments from the Staff Members**

No comments were offered from the staff present.

b. Comments from the Board Members

No comments were offered from the Board.

c. Comments from Citizens

No comments were offered from the public.

5. Public Hearings

a. APPLICATION FOR ALTERATION TO AN EXISTING STRUCTURE, ARB #25-005, 300 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, to consider an application for alterations including recladding a portion of the existing shopping center in a new material at the commercial property [applicant is requesting continuance of this item]

Certificates of Publication were filed from the Editor of the *Fairfax County Times* Newspapers, showing that notice of said public hearing items had been duly advertised in the January 2, 2026, and January 9, 2026, issues.

Chair Blaker-Glass opened the public hearing and recognized Angelina Jones, Lead Planner / Design and Development, for the staff report. Ms. Jones delivered the staff presentation dated January 21, 2026. She presented an overview of the application for alteration to an existing structure, explained the current design, and proposed new materials and color for replacement in the existing structure, noting the original design was intended to coordinate with the adjacent bank building. Ms. Jones noted that the January 7, 2026, staff report has additional information.

The applicant did not attend the meeting but had contacted staff, requesting to continue the application to the February meeting cycle to allow time to consult with the owners and incorporate feedback from the work session. Staff recommended a continuance as requested by the applicant.

Chair Blaker-Glass invited members of the public to provide comment.

No comments were offered.

Chair Blaker-Glass noted the public hearing remained open and moved to the board level for discussion and action. Vice Chair Fetske motioned to continue the application for alteration to an existing structure, ARB #25-005, 300 Elden Street, Herndon Virginia, to a date certain of February 18, 2026. Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Board Member Oleinick was absent.

b. APPLICATION FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, ARB #25-004, 749 Van Buren Street, Herndon, Virginia, to consider an application for the erection of new playground equipment and other minor site improvements on the public property known as Harding Park

Certificates of Publication were filed from the Editor of the *Fairfax County Times* Newspapers, showing that notice of said public hearing items had been duly advertised in the January 2, 2026, and January 9, 2026, issues.

Chair Blaker-Glass opened the public hearing and recognized Angelina Jones, Lead Planner / Design and Development, to read the staff presentation dated January 21, 2026, stating the application is to replace the existing structure that is known as Harding Park to provide an accessible playground. The applicant applied for and received a site plan waiver for the installation of the new playground equipment. Ms. Jones stated the application generally complies with the Town Code ordinances, and the proposed site meets current industry standards that provide accessible equipment for people of all abilities. Additional details are available in the January 7, 2026, staff presentation. Staff analysis recommends approval of ARB #25-004, 749 Van Buren Street, Herndon, Virginia, in accordance with the draft resolution.

Chair Blaker-Glass moved to the board level for discussion and possible action. There were comments and discussion on this application, including comments from the community regarding affection for, history, and future of one of the climbing structures.

Chair Blaker-Glass invited the applicant forward for comments. Bob Williams, the Director of Parks and Recreation, provided comments about plans for additional seating areas, new signage, extending the split-rail fencing, and other options to manage trash.

There were comments among the Board Members and discussion between the Board and Mr. Williams, including:

1. Additional seating
2. Community feedback
3. Year-round usage
4. Hazardous waste left at the site
5. Neighborhood watch accomplishments
6. Design modifications
7. Signage

Staff was requested to update the Board on the future of the play structure, and should the applicant decide to add a fence, it was stated that the fence can be reviewed administratively.

Chair Blaker-Glass invited members of the public forward for comments. There were no comments from the audience concerning this application.

Vice Chair Fetske moved to approve the application, ARB #25-004, 749 Van Buren Street, Herndon, Virginia, to erect new playground equipment and other minor site improvements at the public property also known as Harding Park. Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Board Member Chowdhury, Vice Chair Fetske, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye." Board Member Oleinick was absent.

c. **APPLICATION FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, ARB #25-006, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon, Virginia, to consider an application for the demolition and replacement of two existing dugouts, installation of a seat wall, and other minor site improvements on the public property known as Bready Park**

Certificates of Publication were filed from the Editor of the *Fairfax County Times* Newspapers, showing that notice of said public hearing items had been duly advertised in the January 2, 2026, and January 9, 2026, issues.

Chair Blaker-Glass opened the public hearing and recognized Angelina Jones, Lead Planner / Design and Development, for the staff report dated January 21, 2026. Ms. Jones reviewed the application to approve new construction to replace dugout structures and install a cement wall and other minor site improvements. She discussed the materials to be used and design details, some of which are yet to be finalized. She noted the proposal is in compliance with State and Town codes and made comments on possible future locations for the mural. For more information, please see the staff presentation dated January 7, 2026.

Staff recommends approval in accordance with the conditioned draft resolution.

Chair Blaker-Glass invited the Board for questions or comments for staff regarding the staff report.

There were no questions or comments for staff from the Board.

Chair Blaker-Glass invited the applicant to forward for comments. Bob Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation, came forward to answer questions for the Board.

The Board expressed appreciation for the work to date and expressed thanks in anticipation of the added safety and other benefits that the new recreational area will provide to the community.

There were no public comments concerning this application.

Vice Chair Fetske moved to approve the application, ARB #25-006, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon, Virginia, to demolish and replace two existing dugouts, install a seat wall, and other minor site improvements on the public property known as Bready Park. Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Board Members Chowdhury, Vice Chair Fetske, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye." Board Member Oleinick was absent.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Blaker-Glass adjourned the January 21, 2026, Architectural Review Board Regular Meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Becky Skillin

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Deputy Town Clerk



Minutes approved by the Architectural Review Board: **February 18, 2026**

[Note: Approved resolutions and ordinances are on file in the Department of Community Development.]